

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph under the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION AND PRIOR ART" of page 1 of the original specification with the following amended paragraph:

The increase in violent crime and the need for law officers and the like to control individuals, result in ~~[[that]]~~ more people ~~[[carry]]~~ carrying different types of weapons, e.g. knives, firearms and other deadly weapons, which ~~[[form]]~~ pose potential sources of danger ~~[[also]]~~ to the victim and also to the environment, not to mention the liability behind such acts. There is thus an increasing need for ~~less-then~~ less-than lethal handheld weapons for warding-off an attacker ~~[[with]]~~ and possibly injuring the attacker, as in the case of self defense, to thereby allow the victim to flee, or for controlling an individual, e.g. for carrying out an arrest by law enforcement personnel, etc.

Please replace the second paragraph under the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION AND PRIOR ART" on pages 1-2 of the original specification with the following amended paragraph:

Many types of handheld self defense implements have been proposed, some of which are in the form of clubs or batons held by the defender. However, such devices are prone to being grasped by a potential attacker whereby he may be able to wrench the device from the defender's hands and in turn expose the defender to more danger. Thus, it is desired to provide a small device which may be inconspicuously carried. However, prior art compact self defense weapons are minimally useful, if at all, useful in striking defensive

blows on the attacker, and not ~~in-use~~ useful in warding-off an attack, ~~[[like]]~~ such as in the case of parrying knife blows. Furthermore, such compact devices are usually not fit for controlling an individual, i.e. applying some pain to a person for carrying out an arrest, etc.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 7 of page 3 of the original specification with the following amended paragraph:

U.S. Design ~~Patents~~ Patent Nos. 304,063 and 352,339 ~~discloses~~ each disclose handheld devices comprising a gripping portion with a spike projecting therefrom. U.S. Design ~~Patents~~ Patent Nos. 324,610 and 365,622 disclose ~~[[a]]~~ handheld self defense ~~weapon~~ weapons comprising a gripping portion and finger protection loops. Some of the above are fitted with a connecting means for attaching keys thereto.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 2 of page 5 of the original specification with the following amended paragraph:

The design of the weapon renders it suitable also for use as a bag carrier wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a bag is suspendable ~~[[form]]~~ from the device by hanging handles of the bag on the first and second spikes.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 19 of page 6 of the original specification with the following amended paragraph:

Further, ~~[[noted]]~~ at the first end **14** of the weapon **10**, there is provided a third spike **30** extending in an opposite direction with respect to the first spike **16**. The weapon **10** is

made of rigid material, e.g.; plastic, metal, wood, etc. Alternatively, the weapon **10** may be made of a non-rigid or soft material such as foam or rubber, in order to be used for training purposes.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 24 of page 6 of the original specification with the following amended paragraph:

Furthermore, the first and second spikes **16** and **18** respectively, project from the handle portion **12** to an extent such that they project beyond the fist fingers to thereby protect the fingers of an individual using the weapon while delivering an opponent a blow or whilst stopping a preying attack by an opponent. The lengths of the spikes ~~as well~~ may be manufactured in different sizes, as well, appropriate for use by individuals having different sized hands.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 29 of page 10 of the original specification with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 4E illustrates a weapon **200** in accordance with still another modification of the invention, wherein, instead of the bulging portion **92** shown in FIGS. 3A and 3B, there is provided a metal detecting wand **202**, such that is typically used by security personnel for inspections at ingress points of public and private buildings. ~~Typically, a~~ A person wishing to bypass such an inspection may become hostile. The security personnel would have to restrain or subdue such an individual, making it advantageous to provide the weapon **200** of the present invention coupled with a security device of the type (i.e. metal detecting

wand 202) typically already carried by security personnel.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 7 of page 11 of the original specification with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 4F illustrates a weapon **210** in accordance with a still further modification of the present invention, wherein there is provided an extendable baton **212** from a first end **214** thereof. The baton **212** comprises several hollow tubular segments **216**, each of successively smaller diameter. The most distal section **218** may be sealed at the distal end, as shown. Each segment **216** is further tapered so that distal end **220** thereof is of slightly smaller diameter than the proximal end **222** of the distally adjacent section. In a retracted position, the segments **216** are adapted to concentrically nest. In order to extend the baton 212, the user grasps the weapon **210**, and snaps his hand so that the segments **216** are thrust from the weapon **210** at a high speed. The sections are designed, as described above, to tightly fit within one another to form the baton **212** as shown. In order to retract the baton **212**, a force is applied longitudinally to the top **224** of the extended baton. The baton **212** may retract fully into the weapon **210**, protrude slightly, or protrude the full length of one segment **216**.